

forests for the manufacture of matches as well as fuel required for their factory. They were also allowed to pay seigniorage on such softwoods and fuel according to the following scale :—

25 per cent. of the existing seigniorage rates for the first 4 years ; 50 per cent. of the said rates for the next 4 years ; and 75 per cent. of the said rates for the last 4 years of the existence of the agreement.

(b) For a period of 12 years from 1-9-1923.

(c) The member is referred to page 221 of the *Statistics of Travancore* for 1106.

(d) The managing director of the company has stated that the face value of the shares held by residents of Travancore is Rs. 35,075.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*) : With reference to the answer to part (a), what is the object with which these concessions have been granted? Is it to encourage industries generally or the particular industry or the particular company?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The particular industry and not the company.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*) : Are the Government keeping themselves in touch with the activities of this particular company so as to ascertain whether the object is served?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That information is not available.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*) : Will the Government take steps to keep themselves in touch with the affairs of the company?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It will be considered.

Encroachments upon the lands set apart for cattle grazing in the Alur pakuthi.

297. **MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether Survey Nos. 7110 and 7111, comprised in the Alur pakuthi, Kalkulam taluk, have been set apart for the grazing of cattle ;

(b) if so, whether such lands have been subsequently registered in the names of, or encroached upon by, private individuals ;

(c) whether the general public of the locality and its suburbs have petitioned the Revenue authorities against the registry of the encroachments upon the said lands, the last petition to the Tahsildar, Kalkulam, bearing date the 11th Karkatakam 1106 ; and

(d) the action taken by the Revenue Department in the matter?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (a) There is a correspondence about the reservation of an extent of 200 acres of land in the Velimalai hills including the two Survey Numbers referred to as a grazing block, but the area has not actually been set apart for the purpose.

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(b) The answer to the first part is in the negative. There were certain cases of encroachment in respect of which steps were taken under the Land Conservancy Regulation and the occupants were evicted. The registry of all lands in the Velimalai hills has been stayed as per G. O. R. O. C. No. 3225/31/Rev., dated 2-4-1932.

(c) It is reported by the Land Revenue Commissioner that petitions have been received from the general public of the locality against the registry of the encroachments but that no petition has been received on 11-12-1106.

(d) It is reported by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner that some encroachments were recently found in Survey No. 7111 and that action has been taken under the Land Conservancy Regulation to evict the trespassers.

Construction of a building for the primary school, Putuppadi.

312. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(i) that a public subscription of Rs 200, collected from the inhabitants of Putuppadi *kara* in the Kotamangalam *pakuthi*, Muvattupuzha taluk, was deposited under the orders of the Educational authorities in Talam 1106 in the Muvattupuzha Taluk Office for constructing by the Government a building for the Putuppadi primary school;

(b) that the site required for the said school was also surrendered to Government by the inhabitants of the Putuppadi *kara*; and

(c) that the construction of the building for the school is not begun till now (22-11-1107)?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons, if any, for delaying its construction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) A contribution of Rs. 200, raised by the people of Putuppadi towards the construction of a new building for the local primary school for boys, was deposited in the Muvattupuzha Treasury on the 14th Vrischikam 1106.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(2) The plan and estimate for the construction of the new building for the school are awaited from the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): May I know when the site was surrendered to the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe it was some time in 1929 or 1930. The Inspector of Schools in his report dated 21-12-1929 says that the Assistant Inspector has reported that he has received an offer from the people of Putuppadi *kara* by way of free gift. So, it must have been after the date of this report.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): With regard to part (2), may I know when the Chief Engineer was addressed on the matter?